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NEWS RELEASE CP POLICE INVESTIGATING STRING OF HOME BURGLARIES, SEEKING PUBLIC'S HELP

Crown Point Police are investigating several residential burglaries that have happened in the City since January 1st, 2011. Since this date, a total of seven (7) burglaries to homes have been reported. The crimes have occurred in all parts of the City and there appears to be no specific areas or subdivisions targeted. In addition, the times have been random, with some occurring the day time hours and others happening during the early night time hours, between 7:00pm and 8:00pm.

In each of the crimes, the suspects have made forced entry into the homes by kicking or forcing open doors. Items that have been stolen include televisions, jewelry and cash.

At this point, there are no definitive physical descriptions for the suspects nor have any vehicles they may be using in the crimes been seen or reported.

Police believe that the suspect may be approaching the house and attempting to make contact with anyone inside, to determine if the homeowners are home or if the house is empty. Since no vehicles have been seen at the homes, it is possible that the person entering the home has an accomplice in a car driving in the immediate area. Due to the larger size items that were stolen, a vehicle is being used during the crimes.

Police have increased their neighborhood patrols and have added officers in unmarked cars as part of the enhanced enforcement. Officers have even been checking on any house that is found with an open garage door, just to confirm that the homeowners are fine or are at home.

Anyone that sees a suspicious person or vehicle at a neighbor's house is being asked to immediately contact the police department.

"Based on what we have found at the crime scenes, we do not believe the suspects remain in the house very long. They pretty much grab what they can that is easily accessible or out in the open and leave. We are asking for our citizens to just keep an extra eye on each other's homes and if they see anyone or anything that they feel is suspicious to contact us right away."

"We also want to remind our citizens that in most cases the City requires a City issued identification card for organizations that may be soliciting or selling items door to door. The ID Card will have the person's photograph on it." – Chief Pete Land.

Please contact Chief Land at 662-3247 or Commander Len Homola at 663-2131, ext. 124 with any questions.

